

PERSONNEL AND TRAINING BUREAU

NOTICE

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April 3, 2012

TO: All Sworn Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Personnel and Training Bureau

SUBJECT: DONNING PROTOCOL AND LIMITATIONS OF THE AIR PURIFYING RESPIRATOR


All sworn lieutenants and below shall be issued an Air Purifying Respirator (APR) with filters. If there are personnel who have not been issued an APR, one will be issued to them at the annual THREAT 8 Weapons of Mass Destruction Refresher Training. Available training dates can be found on the Department's Local Area Network. The purpose of this annual training is to ensure students meet the fit test requirement found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5144, entitled "Respiratory Protection Equipment."


This Notice is to remind Department personnel of the deployment protocol and limitations of the APR. Officers are encouraged to don the APR when they perceive a possibility of exposure to any chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear environment. This includes, but is not limited to, any type of tear gas deployed during a tactical situation. By donning the APR during these types of incidents, it would prevent or minimize the health effects caused by the tear gas exposure. The APR will not protect an officer in any environment that has an oxygen level of less than 19.5 percent. This includes confined smoke filled areas, such as structure fires.

The APR filter has a shelf life of ten years from the manufacture date if the packaging is kept intact. The manufacture date is listed on the filter packaging. If the filter is removed from the packaging, it has a life of one year from that date. Although, the filter can be used multiple times and still offer the same level of protection, it is recommended that the filter be replaced when deployed in any of the aforementioned environments.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Sergeant Ron Gray, Officer in Charge, Counter Terrorism Training Unit, Training Division, at (323) 224-3528.

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